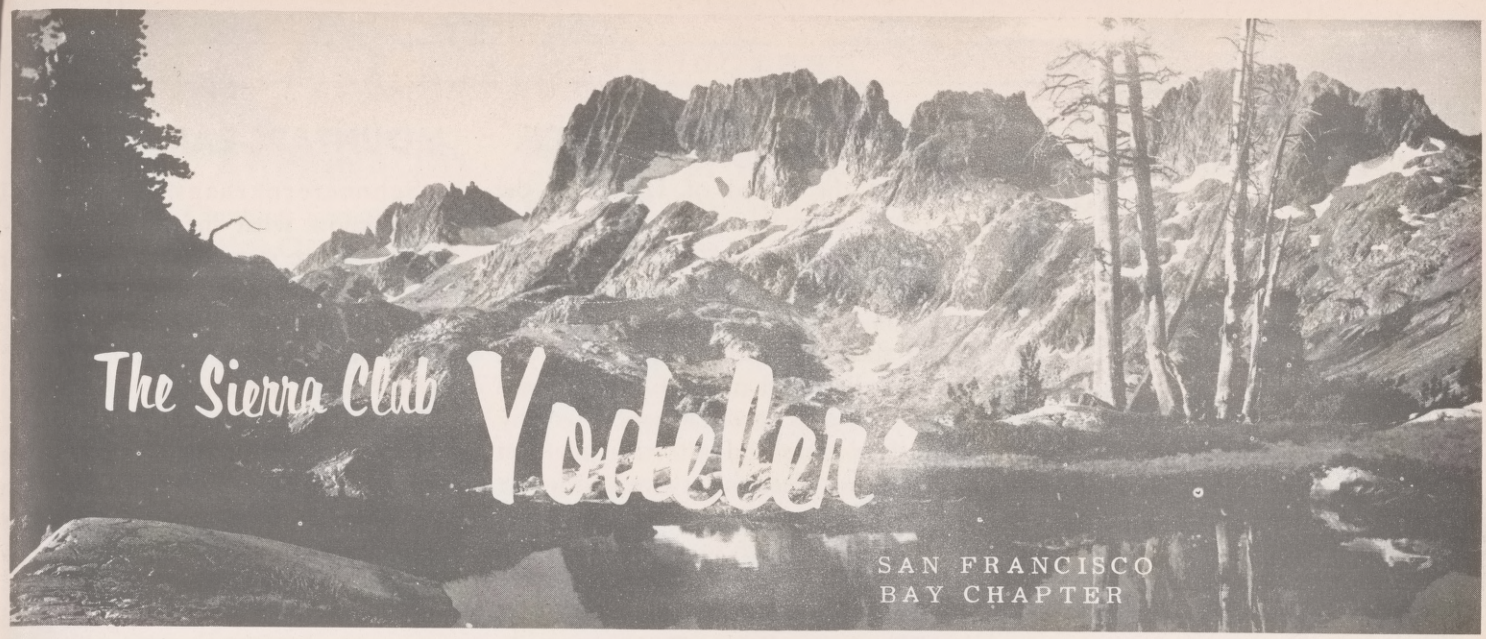

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CONSERVATION: Samples from an Agenda

In the Hawaiian Islands Legislature there is a bill to protect the Hawaiian Goose, which lives on the high rocky crests of the volcanoes and is about as rare as the Whooping Crane. The Sierra Club has endorsed the bill. Perhaps it is not too late to save the flock of 40 birds from extinction.

In national forest matters we learned from Bob Golden about the hearing May 6 on the *Bridger Wilderness* area (Wind River Mountains). The Forest Service proposes to give this the protection of Regulation U.1. (i.e., full wilderness status). Lots of opposition came up at the hearing from cattle and sheep men and from those who dislike the Wilderness Bill and use every hearing as a chance to oppose it. There is little timber and few reservoir sites there. Time at the hearing was well divided between support and opposition. The Forest Service is willing to protect and even extend this wilderness, but whether the regulation will be approved depends on the report to the Secretary of Agriculture. The Sierra Club has expressed strong support, and we hope many other clubs and individuals have done the same.

Forest Service plans for the *Kern Plateau* are not encouraging. They propose to create two smaller Wild Areas out of the present large primitive area. One will be the Domelands, almost waterless country suitable for occasional recreation; the other is on the Kern plateau. The Porterville-Lone Pine Road is still in the highway plans and that prevents a true Wilderness area from being set up on the east side of the Kern. There is a "Five Year Plan" for logging here and we fear that considerable disturbance and erosion will follow, though the logging practice there has been good.

In State matters the Committee heard a plea by Ray deSaussure that the Sierra Club urge that better protection be provided for *caves* before any lists of caves and their localities are published. Caves are not renewable scenic resources and the publicized cave is doomed to carved initials, broken stalactites and universal litter.

The Department of Beaches and Parks has finally bought *Ano Nuevo Island* for $51,000. A few months ago the island was still appraised at a third of that amount. The Federal Government, who owned it, had agreed to sell it to the State, and the State wanted it. However, there was a deadline involved and apparently the State Department of Finance failed to approve the project until a few days too late. A public auction showed the startling increase in land values which is now the everyday story in California. The State Park system still wanted the island to complete the existing State Park there and an extra $30,000 was the price of the unnecessary delay.

—C.M.C.

SUMMER OUTINGS

Are you planning to participate in one of the Sierra Club's summer outings?

If you are, you'll experience one of the most enjoyable, relaxing and inexpensive vacations you could imagine. There are many trips from which to choose: Base Camp; High Trips; River Trips; Burro Trips; Knapsack Trips.

What's your idea of vacation fun? Is it hiking along trails in the high country which wind through lush green meadows carpeted with multihued wild flowers; swimming in sparkling blue lakes; fishing in rushing creeks which tumble madly over granite boulders; drifting serenely along on a river trip; and ending each day around a friendly campfire listening to interesting tales?

If you have been on one of the summer outings in the past, then you undoubtedly are looking forward eagerly to another. If this is to be your first summer, you will not need to be persuaded to go on another. You'll hardly be able to wait till summer rolls around.

Read the complete details of all summer outings in the March Bulletin and send in your reservation for at least one of the many trips offered. It'll be a memorable vacation and one to which your thoughts will often return.

Many of the trips are almost filled, so send in your reservation now!

—Dorothy Otto

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CHAPTER MEETING

The June meeting of the Chapter Executive Committee will be held at 6:30 p.m. June 9 at the home of the Bunnelles, 6466 Pinehurst Road, Oakland, as a combination social, dinner and business meeting.

Chapter members are invited, but are requested to call Hasse Bunnelle at OLympic 5-3652 if they expect to attend dinner, since this is a pot luck affair.

—Helen Waterman

ATTENTION, singing sons of mountain climbers! Madi Bacon announces auditions for the San Francisco Boys' Chorus on Saturday, May 24, beginning at 9:30 a.m. at Trinity Methodist Church, 16th and Market Sts. Boys aged 8-12 with good singing voices eligible. Those accepted now can go to Chorus summer camp in Feather River country in July and will be considered for parts in SF Opera productions in fall. For further information, call Mrs. Huberman (BAyview 1-5581) in SF; in East Bay, Mrs. Maisel (LAkehurst 4-5326); in Marin, Mrs. Murphy (GLencourt 3-6636).

Car Campers NOTE!!
Remember Memorial Day Week-end. BE SURE to call Leaders for final details.

NEWS OF THE COUNCIL

Like the Board of Directors, the Council holds its organization meeting in May. It was gratifying to note that there were very few changes in membership, as this not only helps to maintain the continuity of the group but also indicates that the Council members feel it is an organization worthy of their time and effort. And even though we meet only twice a year, the members are beginning to know each other well enough to anticipate points of view and hence, to shorten discussions of issues!

The Loma Prieta Chapter was, in fact, the only group with a change in delegation. Clint Kelley, who served so efficiently as Vice-Chairman and on the Scope Committee, found it necessary to resign, as did his alternate, Warren Lemmon, who served as the Council Treasurer and was largely responsible for the excellent Chapter Treasurer's Policy Guide. Replacing these two are Walter Ward and Melvin Johnson. Frank Bechler replaced Bruce Austin for the Mother Lode Chapter, and Karl Onthank and Howard Parker were named alternates for the Pacific Northwest Chapter and the Mountaineering Committee respectively. Finally, we were happy to welcome the alternate from the new Northwest California Chapter (as yet unnamed, officially), Pat Noonan. Fred Eissler will be the regular delegate.

The election was held the morning before the Board of Directors' meeting, and resulted in Randal Dickey being named Chairman, Walter Ward Secretary, and Jim Gorin and Kathy Jackson additional members of the Executive Committee. All of the persons elected have had considerable experience in the affairs of the Club and their respective Chapters. Although Randy has been a member of the Club for only five years, I was surprised to learn, he has been exceedingly active during this time. He was Chairman of the Bay Chapter for two and a half years and has been Chairman of the Chapter Conservation Committee and Vice-Chairman of the Club Conservation Committee. His primary activity interests are river touring and ski touring.

The new Vice-Chairman was one of the charter members of the Tehipite Chapter and has served the Chapter as Secretary-Treasurer, Program Chairman, and as Newsletter Editor. (This was all that I was able to get out of him, but it is rumored that he will back-pack anywhere there are fish.)

In the news "News" I'll say a few words about the other Council officers and present the main items considered by the group.

—Roy Dubisch

MOUNTAIN-EARS HEAR

Schneefernerhaus! Schatzalp! (I don't know what they mean either—but those are some of the Hotels our Editor is staying at while he is on his foreign assignment.) I like "snickelfritz"—ask someone who can't say "s" to say that! (Anybody who speaks German would be greatly appreciated on the staff—would like to know what *Howard* is doing.) Anyway, between the German lines, we did learn the famous Pisa tower is leaning over further—in another 200 years it may fall—"I haven't found a place to get a good reasonably priced Italian meal since San Francisco!" The skiing is terrific; the scenery is "Wunderbar"; coffee is 28c!!

From *Joan Altieri Ferguson*: "Hope you aren't all rained out. We are in the middle of the dry season out here, and need all the rain we can get. (Too bad she didn't write earlier!) Will be back home in September. Have a good summer in the Sierras."

Past editors go on to fame and fortune—*Barbara Tilden* namely. *Vivian Breckenfeld* (old time SC member) who writes adventure stories for teenaged girls, has written one based on foldboating through Lodore Canyon. Inasmuch as *Barbara* was "technical advisor" on the boating portions, the book was dedicated to her. The book is on sale everywhere and is a pretty good story. (Pen name of author is Vivian Breck.)

Chris and *Oscar Ortiz* are the proud parents of Nancy Louise, born April 24.

CLIMBERS AT PINNACLES

The Rock Climbing Sections of the Bay and Loma Prieta Chapters climbed at Pinnacles National Monument April 26-27.

At 2:30 p.m. Saturday all the High Peaks were occupied—a highly proper state of affairs. Hero climbers Krehe Ritter and Steve Roper were among those climbing "dozens" of peaks that day.

The usual tire fire was held that evening with ample liquids available for all, and a number of talented brewmasters were discovered.

A few hardy souls carried on the tradition of a tour through the cave in the dark. Hard hats are recommended for future parties. An additional highlight of the evening: Chuck Belling's trip into the creek after a long leap over the fire.

Leader Terry Tarver checked with the rangers about having a Stoke's litter available at the Pinnacles, and was told they hope to squeeze one into the coming year's budget.

Remember the RCS climbing school Sundays—see the Schedule for information.

—Ginny Hill

FOR SALE—Six 24" x 24" plastic air mattresses, snap-together type, with pump. $10. TUxedo 5-2279.

Beginners Knapsack Trip

The next step for those who went to the knapsack training meetings in San Francisco and Oakland is one of the scheduled weekend trips.

May 24-25 Sam Axtell and Lou Henrich lead knapsackers to the Carmel River area, and the following weekend the Bunnelles provide leadership to Burst Rock. These weekend hikes are the place to get yourself and your equipment in shape for that longer trip later in the summer.

If you have equipment you're willing to lend, or if you're a beginner and need to borrow equipment, call or write me (SKyline 1-0793).

—Doug Peterson

CTL NEWS: FINAL WINTER EDITION

With the end of April comes the end of the ski season of 1957-58 at the Sugar Bowl; not so at Signal Hill. The rope will run as long as there are snow and people to ski. The pack is still some 20 feet deep in places, so it will probably last into June. Best of all, summer rates are in effect at the Lodge.

Our tow operator, Arnold Long, and his "Lady"-friend are leaving the Sierra this week for Sacramento, after a very successful winter at Signal Hill. All of us who ski Signal wish to thank Arnie for keeping the tow in such excellent working condition and for being such a great host to the newcomers.

Up at CTL, Keith has been presented with a brand-new baby boy, James by name.

Diane Clayton, our excellent cook, will be providing the food fare for summer users of the lodge.

The weekend of April 26 and 27 was quite a busy one around the lodge. The Annual Division Toboggan Tournament was held at the Sugar Bowl. The Sierra Club Ski Patrol has won the tourney for the past two years, but this year some Southerners from Table Mountain walked off with first and second place. Sierra Club was third. On Sunday the first Annual Chinook Memorial Trophy Race was held on Signal Hill. Roger Paris set the course and foreran it. Unfortunately I haven't received the times for the entrants, so they cannot be published here. Contributions are still being received in memory of the great CTL host, Chinook, who was killed after doing battle with a porcupine.

That's about all the news for this skiing season.

Summer activities at CTL include picnics, water skiing, swimming, and weekend work parties. Come and see what CTL is like in the summer. If you are interested in helping on the work parties (reward: free weekend, plus priority on reservations next winter), write or phone: George Homsey, 1931 Grant Avenue, Apt. No. 5, SF, SUtter 1-0685, or Bob McGillicuddy, 5833 Merriewood Drive, Oakland 11, OLympic 8-0940.

Officials for the Olympics are needed. They must be certified and able to attend both the practice sessions and the entire Olympic period.

—Robert Codis

RTS Search for Paradise

The currently-playing cinerama production has a scene in which an extremely rough portion of the Indus River is run by rubber rafts. Mt. Nanga-Parbat (a killer) is in the background.

Reports say the river scene is not a major part of the picture, but it is the excuse for a theater party. We have picked Friday the 13th of June (we hope this won't cause bad luck on the river). The orchestra seats are much better, but we can have a cheaper division if people want it. Interested river tourers (and others) should send reservations to Earl Oliver, 6127 Rockridge Blvd. N., Oakland 18, by Wednesday, June 4. Orchestra seats are $2.65, balcony $1.75.

—Earl Oliver

HOLIDAY AT YOSEMITE

(From a Press Memorandum issued by National Park Service at Yosemite National Park)

The Memorial Day weekend should be a busy one in Yosemite National Park, according to Superintendent John C. Preston. He bases his opinion on the experience encountered in 1952 when Memorial Day fell on Friday and created a similar 3-day weekend which brought record-breaking crowds to the Park.

Preston recommends that visitors drive to the Park in the early morning to avoid the traffic that will build up later in the day.

All campgrounds on the Valley floor will be open to the public, but probably will not be able to accommodate all who wish to stay there. Campgrounds outside of the Valley, except a part of Wawona Campgrounds, will be closed because of the unusually heavy snow pack. Camping is permitted only in designated campsites.

Visitors who plan to stay in concession-operated facilities would be wise to make reservations in advance.

The Tioga Road will not be open in time for the holiday. The road from Carl Inn to Crane Flat is open.

Snow removal on the Mariposa Grove road will be completed by May 30. There is still seven feet of snow at Glacier Point, but if at all possible the road will be plowed out in time for the May 30 weekend.

WAMPLER LEISURE CAMP

Western Sierra Nevada—July 12-Aug. 2, 1958

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Limit 50

Cost: $95 per 2-week period

For details and reservations write:

JOE WAMPLER
BOX 45, BERKELEY 1, CALIFORNIA

KNAPSACK TRIPS

The 1958 outing program for Knapsack Trips is an enthusiastic one, and offers a better selection of summer knapsacking than ever before in terms of location, type of terrain and difficulty of trip.

Some of the most beautiful high country in the Sierra will be visited: the North Fork of the Kings River, headwaters of the Kern River—Kings-Kern Divide, the Mono Creek—Mono Recesses area, Golden Trout Creek south of Mt. Whitney, the Northern Yosemite country, and the Deadman-Milestone area in Sequoia.

Out-of-state trips will be conducted to the Salmon La Sac wilderness area in eastern Washington and to the famous Wind River Mountains of the Rockies in Wyoming.

The schedule offers a fairly easy 20-man beginner knapsack trip, and also a fairly strenuous 20-man trip, as well as three of the popular 10-man group-planned outings. All are 8 or 9 days long except for the two 12-day out-of-state outings.

The unusually heavy snow conditions in the mountains this year are not expected to interfere materially with any of the knapsack outings. Golden Trout Creek, destination of the first trip, in July, is a relatively snow-free area, and the weather can be expected to be mostly on the dry side. Knapsackers going in August should see more water in the streams, greener meadows and a few wildflowers and snow patches not usually found so late in the year.

A series of leaflets on different aspects of knapsacking is available on request from Betty Osborn, 150 Southwood Drive, San Francisco 12. The subject matter of the leaflets is indicated on page 27 of your March SC Bulletin. —Betty Osborn

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FOR SALE—To club or group of three or more, ski cabin, 1/3 mile SW of Donner Ski Ranch. Electric refrigerator and hot water heater, inside plumbing, 800 sq. ft. floor area. $4000 or best offer. Phone G. A. Thorsen, WAlnut 1-2819, for details.

Orleans to Weitchepec On the Klamath River

Come join the fun on the Klamath River Memorial Day weekend!

It's a beautiful river with big clean waves and lovely scenery.

If you're intermediate, plan to swim part way. If you're advanced, you'll enjoy whooping through the rapids. There's no tight maneuvering—just a couple of places where you need to guide the boat a bit, and some heavy water requiring balancing and, possibly, paddle bracing. It will be excellent practice for those planning to take their boats on the Rogue, Salmon, or Green this summer.

We anticipate a half day's run on Friday, so plan to drive Thursday evening, sleep on the way, and finish the scenic part of the trip Friday morning.

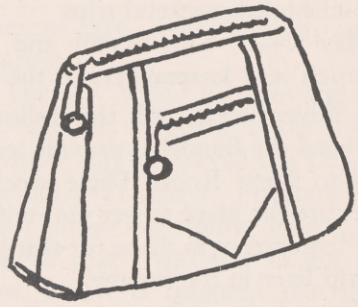
There's a possibility of an exploratory run on the Trinity River Sunday morning if the water level is right.

Call the leaders, Barbara Tilden and Earl Oliver, for meeting place and other details.

—Barbara Tilden

IN MEMORIAM

We regret to report the death May 8 of Dr. Boris S. Herman. A member since 1925, he was very well known to hiking and outing groups and especially to those mmebers who belong to the West Point Club.



FOR SALE – Belt purses in blue denim and red and blue duck. Three sizes. Water repellent, hand made. Bernice Bonds, 1671 Arch St., Berkeley, THornwall 1-1696.

Ski Touring: Mt. Shasta Alpine Lodge (May 3-4)

On August 18, 1893, the first and probably only horse reached the summit of Shasta. The horse was appropriately named Jump-Up, but the climb was too much for the animal and it had to be killed. Prior to and since this "great" event thousands of homo saps have stood on the summit. A climber recorded in the old Mount Shasta Register—"I have one reason to be thankful I climbed Mount Shasta: I discovered I am not the only . . . fool in the world." On May 4 Herb Steiner somehow managed, with the proper encouragement, to get nine of us to the summit and, believe it or not, it was really enjoyable.

Those making the top were treated to a hot seat and a cup of Herb's ice cold lemonade at the boiling hot sulphur springs some 200′ below the summit. In addition to Herb, the group included Lotte Kramer, Pete Graf, Earl Oliver, Alfred Prommer, Rex Rathbun, Claudio Segre, Bob Tripp, Reinhardt Zimmerman and Fred Sandrock. Lotte and Reinhardt made it from the snow-covered Alpine Lodge (7,900′).

The view from the summit extended northward to Mt. McLaughlin in Oregon and southward past Lassen Peak where some of us had stood two weeks previously. Westward the Marble and Salmon Mountains and the Trinity Alps greeted the viewers' eyes. The run-down from the Red Banks to the roadhead was on typically good spring snow. This was truly a grand finale to the Club's ski touring program for this season. To my knowledge none of the group had to be shot and I, for one, am looking forward to a repeat next year.

As a postscript it might be noted that this coming Labor Day weekend the lower chair lift of the Shasta Ski Bowl is scheduled for opening. The upper aerial tramway to Shastarama Point (11,050′) is to be completed next year.

—Fred Sandrock

CONSERVATION: Samples From an Agenda

The Conservation Committee reviewed a wide range of subjects at its May meeting. Most important was the present status of the *Wilderness Bill*, now before the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs in both House and Senate. Write your personal support of this bill to the Committee chairmen. They are: Senator James Murray and Hon Clair Engle, at Senate and House offices, respectively, Washington, D.C. Other legislation of importance is the Metcalf Bill appropriating $250,000 for research into the *effects of pesticides* on plant communities and wildlife. The drastic program for control of the fire ant in the Southeast states has aroused natural scientists to protest against the use of such huge amounts of toxic chemicals without adequate knowledge of results. The cure may turn out to be worse than the disease and one of the complicating factors is that it may take years to find this out.

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BOATS FOR SALE—Double Folbot, 17½ ft. Super TSF with deluxe blue deck and gold trim. Condition excellent. Includes flotation bags and two paddles. Has sailing hardware. $145. Also Single Hammer Champion, 7-ply hull, flotation bags, spray deck and skirt, paddle and carrying bags. Almost new. $145. Contact Monroe Agee at ANdrews 9-3301 or write at 13750 Rivulet Rd., San Jose 24, or phone Rolf Godon at GArfield 1-2274.

IN MEMORIAM

Alfred Hiller, SC member since 1955, died May 2. During the short time he was a member, he was an extremely helpful one. One day he dropped into the office to ask what he could do, and was given something—auditing the books. He performed this service—as a volunteer—for two years.

LODGE FUN

A gay weekend will be held June 20-22 at Clair Tappaan Lodge, with long, medium, and short hikes, swimming, folk dancing or loafing on the agenda.

Reservations should be made with Keith Lummis, Manager, Clair Tappaan Lodge, Norden, Calif., by June 17 to avoid disappointment.

Rates—$7 for members, $8 for nonmembers—include Friday night lodging through Sunday night dinner. Low rates are made possible by everyone sharing in cleanup duties. Accommodations will be dormitory style, so bring sleeping bags or blankets.

Transportation reservations — by chartered bus at $6 extra — may be made directly through Lummis.

For additional information, call Mary Ann Honerkamp at UNderhill 3-7965 or Phyllis Macchiaverna at DIamond 2-5158.

RIVER TOURING SECTION

The fourth of July weekend a trip to the lower Rogue River is planned. Those folks who are going will meet at Gold beach on July 4th at 8:30 a.m. to get the mail boat to Snider's Lodge for a day of lolling in this lovely country. The next two days will be spent on the river returning to Gold beach. If you live in San Francisco or Marin, call Slovka Cibilich for information and reservations at WAbash 4-2330, and Elaine Barron for the East Bay area at THornwall 1-2683.

Send your $5.00 reservation fee for this trip to Slovka Cibilich at 106 Summit Drive, Corte Madera, California, by June 15th. This amount will be applied to the total expense of the trip which will run about $30.00. If you are interested, please use the attached application form. —Elinore Ridge

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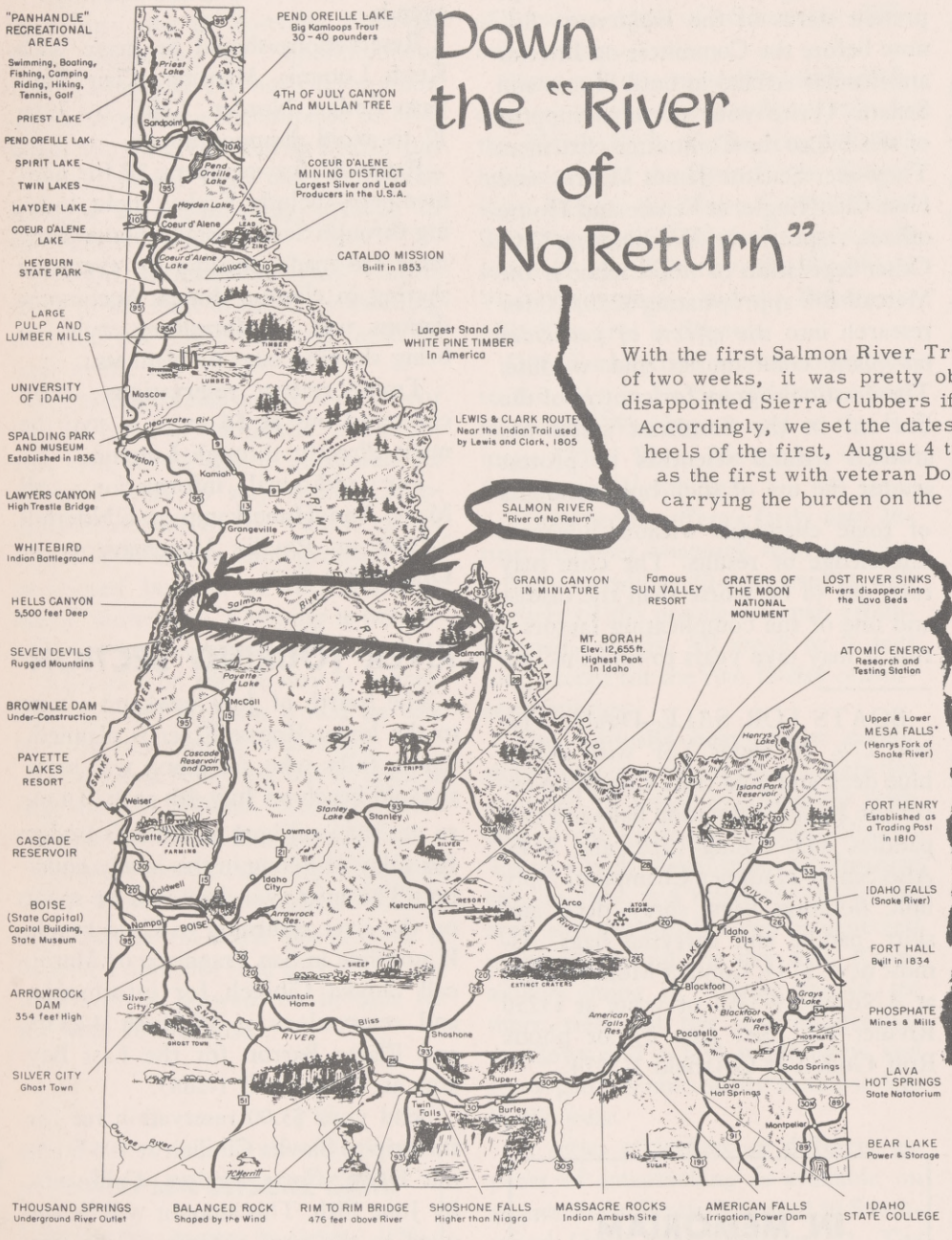

With the first Salmon River Trip completely filled in a short space of two weeks, it was pretty obvious that there would be a lot of disappointed Sierra Clubbers if we didn't do something about it. Accordingly, we set the dates for a second trip following on the heels of the first, August 4 to 11, run exactly on the same plan as the first with veteran Don Hatch, his rafts and boatmen carrying the burden on the river, and our regular commissary crews headed by Ray Simpson providing for our wants ashore.

We don't know what makes an outstanding vacation -- one which we can look back at years later with a thrill, or a warm feeling in our hearts. Nor can we define or put into words the feeling that accompanied our first important climb, or our first awareness of the beauty and loveliness of the mountains, but after an impromptu scouting trip through the Salmon River country last week, we are convinced that this trip down this superb river, through this magnificent canyon, will be an experience all of us will long remember. You'll love it whether it is your first introduction to the fun or river travel or whether you are a dyed-in-the-wool veteran.

Full details as to the exact time of departure, put-in point, additional costs for air shuttle, or car shuttle, as you prefer, will be given in a supplemental announcement to be released soon.

DON'T DELAY if this vacation trip appeals to you. This second trip is bound to fill up as soon as this announcement is made.

LOU ELLIOTT,
Chairman, River Trips Committee

Yodeler Readers, Attention

During the next three weeks many renewal notices will be mailed out. Please send your dollar back promptly. Your Circulation Department is going to Europe and we would like to enter your renewal before we go. All unpaid subscriptions get pulled out of the files after July 15, and we will not be here to send you a second notice.

WANTED: Someone to stay in my house (Berkeley hills) while I go to Europe. August and September, or most of that time. Rent free except utilities. The only catch to the offer—feed the cat and water the garden. Write or call Cicely Christy, 2853 Shasta Road, Berkeley 8. AShberry 3-2159.

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